## OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Tracy, CA 95736

**February 5, 2016** 

**STAFF REPORT:** Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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**SUBJECT:** Grants Program Update

# **Summary**

This Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program update will provide information on two topics that are of interest to the public and the Commission. For sake of clarity, the two topics are discussed separately.

- 1. The OHMVR Division's Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations package.
- 2. 2015/2016 Grant Cycle.

#### **Discussion**

#### Regulations Package

As reported in the September 2015 Grants report on June 12, 2015, pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11346.8 (C), and section 44 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the OHMVR Division provided notice to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and the public regarding proposed changes to various sections within the Grants Program regulations. In November 2015, the OHMVR Division submitted the final regulations package to OAL. The regulations were approved by OAL in December 2016 and went into effect January 11, 2016, which was the start of the 2015/16 grant cycle.

#### 2015/16 Grant Cycle

As required by the regulations governing the OHMVR Division's Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program, the 2015/16 grants cycle began with the opening of the application process on January 11, 2016.

OHMVR Division staff conducted two grant workshops that were held in Ontario on January 11 and 12, 2016, and in Sacramento on January 14 and 15, 2016. There were approximately 128 and 140 prospective applicants in each of the respective locations.

The deadline for preliminary applications is March 7, 2016. During the month of March, OHMVR Division staff will review all applications and draft comments to be submitted to the grant applicants. The grant regulations provide for a public comment period; for this grant cycle, that period is March 8, 2016, through April 4, 2016. During this time period, the public will have an opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the preliminary applications to both the OHMVR Division and the applicants.

Critical dates remaining for the 2015/16 grant cycle are:

- Preliminary applications are due March 7, 2016.
- Public comment period is March 8, 2016 through April 4, 2016.
- Final applications are due May 2, 2016.
- OHMVR Division staff will review and validate scores for final applications during the month of May.
- Intent to Award document will be posted on the OHMVR Division website on June 6, 2016.
- If there are no appeals, the awards will become final on July 7, 2016.

### **Commission Action**

For information only.

### Attachment(s)

None